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Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.(Currently amended)

A compound having the formula I:

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
Q_1 & Q_4 \\
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Q_2 & N \\
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\hline
[[II]] & R_1 \\
\hline
R_3 & N \\
\hline
R_4 & R_1 \\
\hline
I & NH
\end{array}$$

wherein:

Oais CRa:

Q2 is CR4;

Qa is CH;

 Q_4 is N_7

______R₁ is <u>alkyl</u>, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl; heteroarylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkoxyalkoxyalkyl, alkyl-S-R₇, alkyl-NH-C(=O)-R₈ or -R₉-X-R₁₀-(R₁₁)H; wherein each of the alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, aryloxycarbonyl and alkoxyalkoxyalkyl moieties in each of the foregoing R₁ groups can be optionally substituted with up to 5 groups independently selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₆ alkyl, OH, hydroxyalkyl, -C(=O)-R₅[[;]]₂ CN, aryl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, S-heteroaryl optionally substituted with halogen, heteroarylalkyl optionally substituted with amino, NO₂, halogen, monohaloalkyl, dihaloalkyl, trihaloalkyl, perhaloaryl, perhaloalkylaryl, alkyl-NR₁₅R₁₆ and NR₁₅R₁₆;

or one of said alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl, aryloxycarbonyl or alkoxyalkoxyalkyl moieties of one of said R₁ groups can be attached to a structurecompound of Formula I at position R₁ thereof,

 R_3 and R_4 are independently each halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, trihaloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxy, $NR_{15}R_{16}$, [[and]]or NO_2 , wherein said C_1 - C_6 alkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and

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alkoxy groups can each be optionally substituted with NR₁₅R₁₆;

substituted with up to three alkyl groups on the alkyl or aryl rings thereof;

R₅ is H, -NHNHR₆, -NHN=CH-R₆, heteroaryl[[,]] or heterocycloalkyl, wherein said hereteroaryl heteroaryl group can be optionally substituted with an aryl or heteroaryl group[[,]]:

 R_6 is aryl, heteroaryl[[;]], arylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, -C(=S)-NH-aryl, -C(=S)-NH-arylcarbonyl, -C(=S)-NH-heteroarylcarbonyl, -C(=S)-NH-alkylene- R_{21} , -C(=O)-NH-arylcarbonyl, -C(=O)-NH-heteroarylcarbonyl[[,]] or -C(=O)-NH-alkylene- R_{21} where R_{21} is carboxy, alkoxycarbonyl, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, arylaminocarbonyl, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl[[,]] or a saturated hydrocarbon fused ring system optionally having an aryl ring fused thereto, said ring system being optionally

wherein any of said R_6 groups can be optionally substituted with up to 3 groups selected from $NR_{15}R_{16}$, alkyl, hydroxy, halogen, aryl, alkoxy, trihaloalkoxy, arylalkyloxy, NO_2 , -SH, -S-alkyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, alkylheteroaryl[[,]] or a moiety of the formula -OC₂CH₂-O- attached to adjacent atoms of said R_6 group;

NO ₂ , -SH, -S-alkyl, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroaryl, alkylheteroaryl[[,]] or a moiety of the
formula -OC2CH2-O- attached to adjacent atoms of said R6 group;
R ₇ is heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl;
R ₈ is aryl;
R ₉ and R ₁₀ are each independently alkylene having from 1 to about 20 carbons;
X is $-N(R_{12})$ -, $-C(R_{13})(R_{14})$ - or O;
R ₁₁ is H, heterocyclearyl, heteroaryl or alkoxy, wherein said heterocyclearyl, heteroaryl
or alkoxy group can be optionally substituted with up to four groups independently selected from
halogen, amino, trihaloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, and CN;
R_{12} is H or C_1 - C_6 alkyl; and
R_{13} and R_{14} are each independently H or C_1 - C_6 alkyl,
R_{15} is H, halogen, C_{1-12} alkyl, methylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonyl,
heteroarylalkyl, aminoalkyl, arylcarbonyl, branched [[and]] or straight chain polyaminoalkyl[[,]]
or a group of $\underline{\text{the}}$ formula $\text{CH}_2(\text{CHOH})_4\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$, wherein said methylcarbonyl, heterocycloalkyl,
$ary lsulfonyl, heteroary lalkyl, aminoalkyl, ary lcarbonyl \hbox{\tt [[,]]} and branched \hbox{\tt [[and]]} \underline{or} \ straight \ chain the local property of the local$
polyaminoalkyl groups can be substituted by up to 3 OH groups;
R_{16} is H, halogen, or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;
or R_{15} and R_{16} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a
succinimido or phthalimido group or a fissed ring derivative thereof, wherein said

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succinimido or phthalimido group or fused ring derivative thereof can be optionally substituted by up to three substituents independently selected from NO₂ and halogen, or a group of Formula I at position R1 threreof;

or R_{15} and R_{16} together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a group radical of a compound of Formula I wherein said radical nitrogen atom is $Q4-R^1$ thereof [;].

2.(Canceled)

- 3.(Previously presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each independently halogen, amino, NO₂, CN, C₁₋₆ alkoxy or C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted with up to 3 halogen atoms.
- 4.(Previously presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each independently halogen, amino, or NO₂.
- 5.(Previously presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each independently halogen.
- 6.(Previously presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R₃ and R₄ are each chlorine.
- 7.(Previously presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R_1 is alkyl substituted with alkoxycarbonyl, alkyl substituted with carboxy, or aralkyl where said aryl portion of said aralkyl is phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl, and where said phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl portion of said arylalkyl group is optionally substituted with up to 5 substituents selected from halogen, monohaloalkyl, dihaloalkyl, trihaloalkyl, NO_2 , alkoxycarbonyl, and alkyl.
- 8.(Previously presented) The compound of claim 6 wherein R_1 is alkyl substituted with alkoxycarbonyl, alkyl substituted with carboxy, or aralkyl where said aryl portion of said aralkyl is phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl, and where said phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl portion of

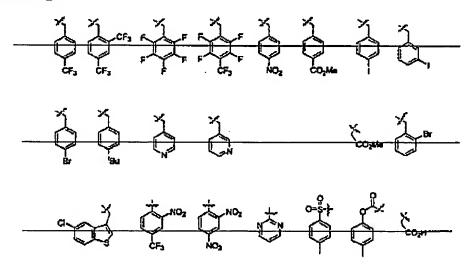
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said arylalkyl group is optionally substituted with up to 5 substituents selected from halogen, monohaloalkyl, dihaloalkyl, trihaloalkyl, NO₂, alkoxycarbonyl, and alkyl.

9.(Original) The compound of claim 7 wherein said phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl portion of said arylalkyl group is optionally substituted with up to 5 substituents selected from CF₃, F, Cl, NO₂, COOCH₃, I, Br, and t-butyl.

10.(Original) The compound of claim 8 wherein said phenyl, pyridinyl, or pyrimidinyl portion of said arylalkyl group is optionally substituted with up to 5 substituents selected from CF₃, F, Cl, NO₂, COOCH₃, I, Br, and t-butyl.

11.(Currently amended) The compound of claim 1 wherein said R_1 is selected from the radicals consisting of:



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12.(Previously presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R_1 is alkyl substituted with - $C(=0)-R_5$.

13.(Currently amended) The compound of claim 12 wherein R_5 is -NHNHR $_6$ [[,]] or -NHN=CH-R $_6$.

14.(Original) The compound of claim 13 wherein R₅ is -NHNHR₆.

15.(Original) The compound of claim 13 wherein R₅ is -NHN=CH-R₆.

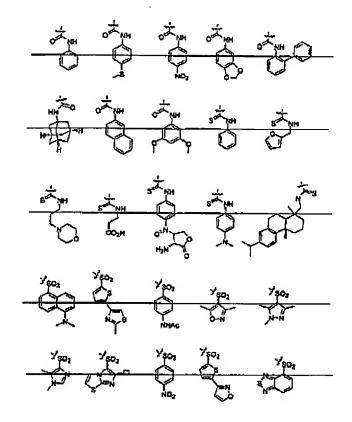
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16.(Currently amended) The compound of claim 14 wherein R_6 is -C(=O)-NH-aryl, -C(=O)-NHcycloalkyl, -C(=S)-NH-aryl, arylsulfonyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, heterocycloalkyl, arylaminocarbonyl, cycloalkylaminocarbonyl, -C(=S)-NH-alkylene- R_{21} where R_{21} is heteroaryl or heterocycloaryl, or a saturated hydrocarbon fused ring system optionally having an aryl ring fused thereto, said ring system being optionally substituted with up to three alkyl groups on the alkyl or aryl rings thereof, wherein any of said R_6 groups can be optionally substituted with up to 3 groups selected from $NR_{15}R_{16}$, NO_2 , a moiety of formula $-OC_2CH_2$ -O- attached to adjacent atoms of said R_6 group, aryl, $C_{1.6}$ alkoxy, carboxy, or $C_{1.6}$ trihaloalkoxy.

17.(Original) The compound of claim 15 wherein R₆ is aryl or heteroaryl optionally substituted with up to 3 groups selected from OH, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, NO₂, C₁₋₆ trihaloalkoxy, C₁₋₆ trihaloalkyl, aryl, arylalkyloxy, and a moiety of formula -OC₂CH₂-O- attached to adjacent atoms of said R₆ group.

18.(Currently amended) The compound of claim 14 wherein said R₆ is any of the radicals from the group consisting of:

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19.(Currently amended): The compound of claim 15 wherein said R_6 is any of the radicals of the group consisting of:

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20.(Original) The compound of claim 6 wherein R₁ has the formula -(CH₂)_q-L₄ where q is 0 to 6 and L₄ is aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl, arylsulfonamino, arylcarboxyamino or -Sheteroaryl, where each of said L4 is optionally substituted with up to three substituents selected from halogen and NO2.

The compound of claim 20 wherein said L₄ is N-maleimidyl, N-21.(Currently amended) succinimidyl, N-phthalimidyl, N-naphthalimidyl, N-pyromellitic diimidyl, phenylsulfonamidyl, phenylcarboxamidyl, N-benzopyrrolidinyl, benzimidazol-l-yl, benzimidazol-2-yl, 1,2,4-triazolyl-

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4-yl, or purinyl, each of said L₄ groups being optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents selected from halogen, trihaloalkyl, trihaloalkoxy and NO₂.

22-62.(Canceled)

63.(Currently amended) A compound of formula:

wherein[[;]]:

____R₅₂ and R_{53} are each independently selected from H, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, trihaloalkyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkoxy; [[or]]

_____R'₁₅ and R'₁₆ together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached can form a succinimido or phthalimido group or a fused ring derivative thereof, wherein said succinimido or phthalimido group or fused ring derivative thereof can be optionally substituted by up to three substituents independently selected from NO₂ and halogen; and

z is_1 to 6.

64.(Canceled)

65.(Previously presented) The compound of claim 63 wherein z is 2 or 3.

66.(Original) The compound of claim 65 wherein R_{52} and R_{53} are each independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, alkoxy optionally substituted with dialkylamino, or alkylamino.

67.(Original) The compound of claim 66 wherein R₅₂ is H.

68.(Original) The compound of claim 67 wherein R₅₃ is methyl, methoxy, alkoxy optionally substituted with dialkylamino, or alkylamino.

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- 69.(Original) The compound of claim 67 wherein R₅₃ is OCH₃ or O(CH₂)₃N(CH₃)₂.
- 70.(Original) The compound of claim 66 wherein R₅₃ is H.
- 71.(Original) The compound of claim 70 wherein R_{52} is methyl, methoxy, alkoxy optionally substituted with dialkylamino, or alkylamino.
- 72.(Original) The compound of claim 70 wherein R₅₂ is OCH₃ or O(CH₂)₃N(CH₃)₂.
- 73-106.(Canceled)